

July 10, 2014
WORK SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF PLATTSBURGH
MINUTES

Meeting commenced at **5:10pm**.

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6).

Absent: None

Item 1: Budget Item May review:

Mayor Calnon encouraged budget discussion

Councilor Armstrong spoke about five year projections, constraints when developing budgets, how will we formalize five year plan as in the Charter and asked does the Charter ask how to fiscally manage the five year plan.

Mayor Calnon responded yes it does, but not done in the past 7-8 years. The visioning project will help.

Councilor Kasper said out first plan is the planning advisory committee (PAC).

Councilor Armstrong advised approximately 20 individuals will meet Monday (July 14th) with Melissa McManus regarding waterfront development and to see the scope of the project. A consultant will be hired to guide project (3 proposals from consultants) 2 to be interviewed. Prior projects will be reviewed and fiscal outlook.

Mayor Calnon spoke of overlap in major projects and long term fiscal impacts.

Councilor Kelly expressed concern regarding projected tax increases of 12½ % for each of the next two years.

Item 2: First Weekends:

What's best for all? Heard from V.P. the Board of Directors met last night. Finish year as proposed but move to monument/river. No street closures, not near churches keep traffic flowing and want to overall redefine themselves.

Councilor Armstrong expressed liking the river location idea.

Mayor Calnon clarified our past resolution was for First Weekends to use their best judgment. He also thanked them for parade set-up.

Councilor Kasper spoke of an October 4th public forum for joint planning at SUNY.

Item 3: North Margaret Street Bike lane, etc:

Kevin Farrington did a presentation on the proposed road diet/bike lane/pedestrian safety study about to be finalized. Boynton Avenue intersection will need modification. No decrease in road services. Four lanes to three. Center lane 12 ft. wide, 2 traffic lanes each 11 ft. wide and 5 ft. bike lane. Also bike boxes to be painted. Striping bid out \$36,000 projected.

Item 4: Waterfront Building:

Mold assessment report due next week. Much can be cleaned. As expected, much of property is ok. Mold remediation will be separate for removal plan. If under a cost of \$35,000 clean-up could move quickly.

City Hall: Restoration money will be sought.

Item 5: Website Design:

Highlights: Add a search box, Twitter fed, broad cast meeting live (YouTube), social media for city discussed. Content from Departments could be done internally.

Item 6: Committee Structure:

Councilor Armstrong questioned purpose and goals and a need to further redefine. Asked what relations are between what department and to state goals.

Councilor Kasper spoke of Economic and Community develop committee work and the need for an Infrastructure committee.

Item 7: Oil Train Task Force:

Councilor Armstrong submitted a resolution for the Council to establish and appoint members of a City of Plattsburgh Oil Train Task Force. Resolution to be on next regular meeting agenda.

Meeting ended at 6:35pm

[Minutes recorded and submitted by Councilor Dowdle]